

**Remarks**

Claims 1-28 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 4, 13, 15, 16, 18, and 24-28 have been amended.

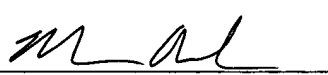
**In the Drawings**

**Figure 1** has been amended as requested by the Examiner. A new version of **Figure 3f** is also included as requested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

**In the Claims**

Claims 1, 3, 24, and 27 have been amended to address the Examiner's objections. Additionally, claims 4, 13, 15, 16, 18, 25, 26, and 28 have also been amended to correct defects similar to those identified by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA, 22313-1450, on <u>Oct 25</u> , 2005.	
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*Amendments to the Drawings*

The attached Replacement Sheets of drawings includes changes to **Figure 1**. In **Figure 1**, the previously omitted “Prior Art” label has been added. A new cleaner version of **Figure 3f** is also attached as a Replacement Sheet. No amendments have been made to **Figure 3f**. Additionally, a complete set of formal drawings accompanies this response.